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Blame The CIA

The "liberals" have found their whipping boy. It is the fashion now to blame the CIA for the monstrous Cuban blunder. This is fairly safe procedure, by its very nature, the CIA cannot defend itself. It can and has said that its information was correct but it cannot prove it, because to do so would be to expose methods used in the past and plans for the future.

So, in so-called news reports, which are really comment columns, there is "reported" as fact a lot of conjecture about the CIA, and, despite the open acknowledgement by the President that the blunder was his, the attempt to shift it continues. With this attempt goes the effort to get rid of one of America's most devoted public servants, Allen Dulles, head of the CIA. The "liberal" bloc, through its propaganda, has destroyed the work of more than one man who has devoted his life to America. This must not be allowed to happen. It has been reported that Mr. Dulles is to resign, and Bobby Kennedy is to replace him. The idea of putting a young man whose life is dedicated to partisan political power in control of the federal intelligence agency is the most dangerous so far offered by the "liberals." One can imagine the possibilities of ending political "distress" in certain areas if the man with \$2 billion in his hands, without any accounting, was the campaign manager, and brother of the only man to whom he had to report.

But, beyond that, the CIA probably is not to blame for the Cuban fiasco nearly as much as the group of Harvard professors living close to the President. But a New York Times columnist James Reston, suggests that these "highly intelligent and sensitive men" be placed above public criticism, because to criticize them might bring on a "spasm of intellectualism."

This is a new thought in government. If a man is an "intellectual," and can't take criticism because of his sensitive nature, he should not have to bear the burden of his blunders. Of course, this is absurd. America has to unite behind the President in any constructive action he takes against Communists everywhere, and especially in Cuba. He must succeed, or the nation faces even greater defeats than in the past three months. But when college professors come to Washington, they become public servants, not "intellectuals," just as businessmen cease to be ordinary businessmen. They must be held responsible for their blunders, or worse. Not to do this would be to perpetuate those with a record of failure.